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WORLDS for November, 1892, over November, 1891. This is an average daily gain of

65,529.

The daily average of WORLDS printed during November was

392,236,

and the daily average of WORLDS printed for the first eleven months of 1892 has been

381,761.

WORLD Advertisements for November, 1892, numbered

68,749,

a monthly record unapproached by any other newspaper.

Next week brings the shortest days of the year.

Canadian annexation may yet be brought about by immigration.

Query: If the Panama Canal directors couldn't dig the ditch can they dig out of jail?

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT'S \$5,000 to the Police Pension Fund was a good gift well placed.

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with five "Good Government" clubs in full operation New York will suffer no lack of good advice on the matter of its municipal conduct.

The last week before Christmas—yes, to-morrow. Now for a hearty host, all together, on THE EVENING WORLD fund for the poor children's trees.

Reading coal is to be introduced into Germany. If it is to be accompanied by "combustion" methods the Kaiser's land will have little enough to be thankful for.

Two of Yale's disorderly students pay \$100 each for the article they called fun at the New Haven Opera-House. If this doesn't teach the desired lesson extraordinary steps should be taken to raise the price next time.

Sunday is the people's best day, and should find them in the enjoyment of all their best privileges. Among other things in New York it should invariably find the Art Museum and Museum of Natural History with freely opened doors.

What are the extenuating circumstances leading to the pardon of a man whose offense was the cold-blooded shooting of a girl for simply refusing to marry him, and whose lawyer sixteen years ago was barely able to get life imprisonment for him instead of a hanging?

There is Sopromore gloom at Columbia College to-day. The Freshmen succeeded in outwitting the men of the next grade, and enjoyed their banquet last

night undisturbed. Surely, an institution which can furnish such a shrewd class of youngsters is worthy to be advanced into a great university. Who'll give the splendid Christmas present to start the promotion?

THE FRENCH CRISIS

The arrest of a son of M. de Lesseps and others in Paris yesterday, charged with swindling and bribe-taking, has caused an intense excitement all over France. The Panama Canal scheme is alleged to have been a swindle from first to last.

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PERSPECTURING THE MISERABLE

The action of Justice Ryan in discharging a woman who was brought before him at Jefferson Market Court charged with disorderly conduct and rebuking the policeman who made the arrest will meet with general approval. The orator bore a bad reputation, it was said, and the policeman, meeting her on the street, "ran her in." A citizen who saw the arrest assured the Judge that it was an outrage, as the woman was committing no offense.

"I don't care what her reputation is," said Justice Ryan, "some policemen have an idea that because a woman is of loose record they can arrest her at any time and on the flimsiest pretense."

The police court records show that this is true, and, as the Judge holds, it is wholly unjustifiable. If a fallen woman does not break the laws, but conducts herself in a decent, orderly manner, a policeman has no more right to arrest her than he has to arrest the most reputable woman in the city. The lot of such unfortunate is hard enough without being subjected to police brutality when innocent of any offense.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The moon was low, my notes were high, I had settled down on the transom, night.

Not answering voice returned my call; The window was dark, the curtains white.

Enter stoicness and cold still.

Electric light and warmer chance to move.

Light through with influence, mellow.

A touch of the electric, a look of the electric.

My heart sent one more, and then—

I knew that I had won the stock.

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ALMOST.

A touch of the electric.

This is half a century of Misfortune.

My cherished care still receives.

For me, the world is still the same.

He nearly knew me, but still leaves,

As nearly known me, but still leaves,

And I like to know how and then

To move upon the night—wise been.

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WORLDS

The United States has been making money about 100,000 government offices with amounts to \$90,000,000 a year.

Washington was a great sportman when in the prime of life. He was particularly fond of fox-hunting, and kept a pack of imported hounds and several muzzles.

The billiard table at the White House was purchased for the use of Gen. Garfield. He had a billiard-room fitted up in the basement of the Executive Mansion, and played there a great deal with his intimate friends. Garfield died of cards, though he never played a game for money.

Artificial seas and arms were in use in our early navies, and arms were in use in our early navies, H. C. 700. They were made of iron, and were the physicians of that early time.

Hausmann's great book on medicine, the foundation of homopathy, was published in 1810.

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HOW THEY WILL DO IT.

I suppose you've heard that Miss Blanche and her brother are to be married soon?

Impossible? The laws will not permit it.

It will all in their case, because you know, Miss Blanche is to wed Capt. Gladwin, while her brother is to capture a St. Louis heiress.

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ANOTHER INFANT PRODIGY.

From Frank.

This child, said the clergyman, who was about to christen Brown's baby, "was a real baby and a real prodigy in the world."

He was born in the winter when Master Brown fell in cold water, the good man's prophecy was verified more speedily than he had ex-

pected.

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THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION.

The agents of the principal European steamship lines were before the Congressional committee on Immigration at Washington yesterday. Naturally, the steamship companies oppose the proposal to suspend immigration for a year. They do not wish to lose the profitable business. But if they had been more careful as to the character of emigrants received on their boats, they might have averted the risk of having them excluded altogether.

The question of restricting immigration must be decided without regard to the interests of steamship lines or individual.

In a matter of public safety personal considerations must be set aside. But some of the suggestions made by the representatives of the companies yesterday are worthy of attention.

A thorough and effective quarantine of the steerage passengers on the other side for a certain period before they are received on board, and a careful and capable medical examination of each immigrant is a suggestion that commands approval.

The general sentiment favors such precautions and preventives rather than a complete suspension of immigration, which is objectionable for many obvious reasons. But the probable loss to the steamship companies is not one of them; for many of the lines have wholly disregarded the interests of the public in their desire to crowd their boats with emigrants, however objectionable their condition or character.

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A GREAT SCALE.

We live in a great country. Millions buy blocks of palatial residences on the most fashionable avenue in the city and pull them down to build themselves a ballroom. Speculators die, leaving behind them fortunes of seventy to a hundred mill on culture. These trusts seize the business of the nation by the throat and choke off all competition. A Republican Congress, making while the sun shines, spends over a hundred millions of surplus and appropriates a billion dollars of the people's money. A delated political party does not try to steal a solitary office but whole states.

While everything is done on this grand scale it is natural, although certainly a little startling, to find a green-goods establishment conducted on such a magnificent basis that the capital reaches something like half a million dollars. Hundreds of thousands of circulars flood the post-offices, and on a police raid tons of material for robbing people who are as

"green" as the "goods" for which they negotiate are carried away.

The seizure of the monster green-goods establishment on Eighth avenue yesterday developed an industry conducted on mammoth proportions and with all the system of a well-ordered bank. But where have the authorities been while this magnificent swindle was being raised to these monster proportions?

The warning to be read in the cracking walls of the building at 237 Broadway is by no means given for the first time. Too much care is impossible in digging away from the support of one heavy structure to make room for another.

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The manner of Forger Kuhn's escape from McNamara, late keeper of the Tomb, shows that there may be a skin, as well as a ship, between the cut and the lip.

The latest novelty is the "alien tourist." That which we call an immigrant, by any other name is neither more nor less come.

VAGRANT VERSES.

FORGOTTEN.

A column stillness, like a nail,
Had settled over the tranquil night.
No answering voice returned my call;
The window was dark, the curtains white.

Enter stoicness and cold still.
Electric light and warmer chance to move.

Light through with influence, mellow.
A touch of the electric, a look of the electric.

And bursting through the tender night,
Gave birth to that duteous electric heat.

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